The Searching out the DECEIT, and bringing the Deceivers words and actions to the Light, to be proved and tryed with the Light, which is just, judging and condemning that which is acted or spoken contrary to the Light.

This is given forth for the clearing of the Truth from Slanders cast upon it, and for no other end. The ground and cause of our publishing this forth in print to the Nation, is, we finding many slanders and false reports in Books published to the Nation, by one who is called by name Henry Walker, which calls himself a Minister of Christ; and also by George Horton, called, The Faithful Scout, but is found deceitful. In whose books, many groundless false reports and slanders are tryed and proved by many witnesses, who have gone to search out the matter, and have found them that published them, that they could give no ground for the false reports which was cast upon a people whom every one which is out of the fear of God nick-names, and scornfully calls QUAKERS; and they are their mark, as David was, amongst such as God was not in their thoughts, the proud and lofty, which goes before the fall: and such as the Lord regards, and trembles at his word, such the world regards not, as you may read in Isaiah. And they shall speak all manner of evil of you, for my Names sake, saith Christ. And they shall be given over to believe lyes, saith the Spirit that gave forth the Scriptures, and we do see them fulfilled: And they shall bend their tongues like a bowe to tell Lyes, saying, Report, and we will report it; and this we finde fulfilled in our days, and loading with reproaches the people of God, as it was done unto Moses, which was a Quaker, as you may read, Heb.12,21. but reproaches are our riches. So to clear the Truth from slanders cast upon him who is called George Fox, and others, was we moved to write and print these Papers, that all the simple ones, and honest hearted, may see, our end of printing is to clear the Truth from false accusations cast upon it; and that all things may be brought to the light by it, to be tryed and proved: for with the light which Christ Jesus hath enlightned thee withal, we see these Spirits that we have tryed, to be like Priest, like People, all uttering forth reproachful slanders and evil reports, not having any ground which to us they make appear for what they have done or said against the innocent; who are found slanderers in the dark: but their deeds are brought forth to the light, to all who have an eye open to see them. 2 Thess.2.11,12. Jer.9.3. 1 Tim.4.3. Hos.4.2. and the Scriptures fulfilled, Hos.4.9. A horrible filthy thing is committed in the land, Jer.5.30,31.

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CErtaine ſlanders, and falſe reports and reproaches being caſt upon him, who is of the world called *George Fox* and others, and an honorable Woman in the Lord, whoſe being is in the *North*, one who is called Colonell *Fells* Wife; who was ſlandered and reproached with falſe reports, by one *Henry Walker* neer *Weſtminſter Abbey* dwelling, the truth cleared from the falſe accuſations, and the falſe ſlanders denyed, which was giving a Bunch of Ribbons to him above mentioned.

Two men whoſe names are *Henry Clark* and *William Wilſon*, was ſent the 7 day of the firſt month to querie, to know and find out the grounds of the ſlanders, that upon the truth it might not reſt, but be caſtoff: ſo they went to the Printer, and found that *Henry Walker* had given thoſe things in to be Printed, the falſe reports caſt upon *George Fox* afore-mentioned, and *VValker* promiſed to thoſe two men, that if *George Fox* would give it under his hand, that he did abſolutely deny the reports and ſlanders which *VValker* had caſt upon him and publiſhed to the Nation in his newes bookes, the ſaid *VValker* ſaid he would prove it. Whereupon *George Fox* did give it under his hand, and in his writing did deny all his ſlanders, falſe reports and Reproaches; and three men went downe to the ſaid *VValker* to his houſe, upon the 8 day of the firſt month, whoſe names are called *Thomas Aldam*, *John Aviſon*, and *Henry Clark*, expecting to have found *VValker* to have done according to his promiſe, to have proved the ſlanders, which he had promiſed to two men to do, but did not, and when the three men came there, and did deliver the writing which *George Fox* had ſet his hand to, wherein he did deny all the falſe ſlanders, and falſe reports caſt upon him: The ſaid 3 men demanded of the ſaid *VValker* to prove the ſlanders and reports caſt upon *George* and others, (according to his promiſe) but *VValker* denyed to prove it there, and ſaid he would not mention any ones name; and bade the men be gone out of his houſe, and denyed the name which he had mentioned, as he had publiſhed in his Booke that a Gentlewoman had reported it; and then ſaid afterward that a Gentleman did report it, and after denyed that the Gentlewoman did report it, before *Henry Clark* and *VVilliam VVilſon*, this thing he denyed which he had publiſhed in print to the Nation, neither would mention the mans name nor any other which reported thoſe ſlanders to him.

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And here we do see him to be a liar, and a truce-breaker, saying, Report, and we will report it, as they did by *Jeremiah*, as you may read *Jer.* 20. And read 2 *Tim.* 3. Thy first slander *Henry Walker*, thou scornfully calls the people of God in thy printed paper *Quakers*; *Moses* the Judge of all *Israel* he exceedingly feared and Quaked, *Heb.*12. 21. And he was reproached, and here thou shewes what Generation thou art in.

The second, thou givest the Term of the old ring-leaders, So it was said to *Paul*. *Act.* 24.5. And here thou shewes in whose steps thou walkest.

The third false report and slander is, thou sayest it is said that *George Fox* seduced Colonel *Fells wife*, which thing is false, and all seducers he denies; and thou who art a slanderer, nor thy saiers, nor thou seducer art not worthy her name to mention, who is honorable in the Lord: and many unsavory speeches thou hast uttered forth, which thou said thou heard of a Gentlewoman; and after denied it, for in the living truth of God, Judge *Fells* wife is, which is the Judge of all such false accusers, and slanderers, Read thy self, and see the Scripture fulfilled upon thee, *Pro.*10.18. *Psal.*101. *Jer.*9 4. *Jer.*6.28. *Pro.*6.19.

And the fourth false report and slander is, that the said Woman which the said *Walker* denyed, said that she heard him boasting of his Favours, and Bunch of Ribbons about *Lancashire*, which he had from Colonell *Fells* wife, and others: which all is false: But this is like unto *Walkers* Preaching, who with the dark world is called a Minister; who is proved to be a liar and a seducer, as he speakes of, seeking to draw many to hearken to his evil reports, from the truth, and against it. 2 *Tim.*3.3. 1 Joh. 2.26,27. And as for slandering Judge *Fells* Wife, for giving him a Bunch of Ribbons, or others, such unsavory things and actions he denies to boast with, and she abhors thy words, who art a scandalous fellow, and all such false slanders which thou casts upon the Innocent, to make them appeare odious in the eyes of the world, but the Lord is their revenge, and doth preserve them from the Seed of evil doers, to whom be all Praise for ever. And because that Judge *Fells* Wife goes among the people of God, which waits upon the Lord God in their meetings, which is the cause that makes thee *Walker*, and the Heathens to rage and utter forth your envy against the righteous Seed, as your Generation ever did; and of them that speak evil, and so fulfill Christs words. *Jud.*11.

And whereas thou *Walker* saith there was divers storyes told of him, and thou speakes of a Gentlewoman having a Ribbon tyed about her hand, who was coming to a place where they met, *Henry Walker* we charge thee to name the place where that meeting was, and the names of some which was there, and where they dwell that saw it, or let thy mouth be stopped for ever, and be thou warned, lest the Lord make thee a sudden example to all slanderers, who falsly accuse the innocent. *Jer.*9.4.

And thou speakes of the Womans maid tying a Ribbon about her hand; and about tying a Ribbon about her husbands wrest, which thou

walker sayest did desire to go to *Fox*, which all the slanders and false reports is denyed, and for medling with any such silly fooliſh doings; and many unsavory words which are not worth mentioning, which thou hast printed, who art found a fit fellow for such workes of unrighteousneſs. And thou speaks of the Ribbon was cast in the fire and stunk: Now *Walker* we do demand of thee who hast given out theſe unsavory expreſſions, and hast given them forth in print into the Nation, to declare to us what is the name of this Gentlewoman, and the maid, and the name of her husband, the Country they dwell in, and what towne they dwell in, and the place where theſe things was done, and who saw it, and where they dwell, that all thy works and actions may be brought unto the light to be proved; so in this thing manifeſt thy self, for with the children of the light thou art seen, who sees thee made known to the Nation, to be a liar and slanderer upon record to be noted, 2 *Theſ.* 3. 14. who art of thy Father, *Job.* 8. 44. Who shalt have thy part in the Lake, *Rev.* 21. 8. For all such fooliſh things *George* denyes, and the slanders.

And in the fifth slanders thou hast put forth that some thinks that this *Fox* is a popiſh prieſt, thy thoughts and theirs be vaine. *Pro.* 15. 26. For all Popiſh wayes he denyes.

And again thou sayest that some thinks he hath not wit enough to take a deſigne for the Papists, here thou art hearing reports, and saying we will report them, whose thoughts are vaine, who know him not with your thinking nor your thoughts, *Pro.* 16. 26.

In the sixt slander, thou sayst that some are confident there be witches amongst them; here again *Henry Walker* we charge and command thee in the preſence of the Lord God, to mention the names of that some, and let that some mention the names of those witches, which that some sayes they are confident, that witch-craft may be found out, elſe acknowledge thy self to be him that slanders in the secret, for witch-craft we deny, for truth is now slandered to be witch-craft, with the seed of evil doers, who sails in their confidence. *Gal.* 3. 1. *Pro.* 14. 16.

And again *Henry Walker*, thou speakes of a Gentlewoman coming to *George Fox*, telling of his haire, and buttons, and thou said the said *George* answered him scornfully; which is false, for no scorner he is, and his buttons are neither silk nor silver, how fain wouldst thou take an occasion againſt him, who the Fashions of the world, and the vanities of it doth deny? who in that place at *Whitehall* that day did give an answer sufficient to satisfie any rational man, as touching his haire, in my hearing in *Whitehall*, who was then preſent with him, who am called by the name of *Thomas Aldam*, a witneſs of it againſt the false accuſers. 2 *Tim.* 3. 3.

And thou *Walker* said he abuſed divers others, that was falſe, he abuſed none, but told them the truth, thou maiſt as well say now we abuſe thee in telling thee truth, to cleare the truth from thy slanders.

And again *Heny Walker*, thou sayſt he called a Miniſter a liar, thou said

ſaid thou was a Miniſter, and thou was proved to be liar, for thou ſaid he denied the feare of God, and it was witneſſed againſt thee that he did not ſpeake ſuch a word, but it was ſaid by *George Fox*, that thou made proſelytes, and the fear of God was not denied by him called *George Fox*, but witneſſed by him, exhorting many to fear the Lord God in my hearing, and many others, *Tho. Aldam*, and to depart from pride and filthineſs, and to come into the fear of God. And again thou denied and ſaid Chriſt Jeſus doth not enlighten every one that comes into the world, and here thou art a liar and a falſe witneſs, for *John* ſaid who was a true witneſs, that Chriſt Jeſus was the true light, which lighteth every one that cometh into the world. *John* 1.9. And thou ſaiſt he doth not, and here thou art proved a liar, and one that beares falſe witneſs, and thy voyce is denied and Judged with record.

And again thou ſaiſt that *George* and the reſt was thruſt down the ſtayres; there was a Rude raſh unſavory fellow, in a diſorderly manner, came without any Juſt command, and tare *George* clothes, and gave out many unſavory expreſſions, which many of the houſe-hold was aſhamed of to ſee the thing done, and did diſlike of his practice, for he had no command to do what he did to *George*; from any Juſt authority, for after he was put down by that Rude fellow, *George* was taken up again into the hall, and other friends with him, and the Rude fellow condemned for doing what he had done to *George* and others.

And *George* and others went from thence in a peaceable and orderly maner. From them who loves peace and unity, who doth ſee the hand of the Lord God turned againſt all ſuch, who are ſlanderers & falſe accuſers, who are ſwift to hear evil reports of the innocent, to report them, to bring the innocent into reproach and contempt with the world, which is our riches, as the ſeed of evil doers did, and to thee and you all it is the word of the Lord God, thee, and you to warn, therefore be thou warned, *Henry Walker*, and all of you warned, and turn to the Lord God from perſecuting of the innocent, leaſt the Lord cut you off in the day of his firie wrath.

Tho. Aldam.

TO us whoſe names are called *Thomas Aldam*, *George Rennold*, and *John Rouſe*, a Paper was brought, which is titled the faithfull Scout; making known to the Nation divers things done and ſaid in the Nation, from the 2 day of *March*, till the ninth, 1654. Publiſhed by *George Horton*, and Printed by *Robert Wood*, in London, in which Paper called the faithfull Scout, we find many impudent expreſſions, aſperſions, and reproachfull words, caſt upon the people of God, which Scornefully the world calls *Quakers*, which faithfull Scout ſo titled, is ſeen with the light which comes from the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, in us made manifeſt, to be an unreaſonable man, and not to have faith, in whom

whom the lying and falſe accuſing Spirit of darkneſs Ruleth, as his declaration in his Paper doth make it appeare, and their own words ſpoken to our face, whoſe names are above mentioned, who for the clearing of the truth, from falſe reports, and falſe accuſations, was moved to go to the Printers houſe to enquire for *George Horton*, and to examine the matter, demanding of them what ground they had for to Print and Publiſh ſuch falſe reports, ſcandals, and untruths to the Nation, caſt upon the people of God ſcornfully called *Quakers* by the world. The Printer and the ſaid *George Horton*, ſaid they had authority to Print reports, and what words they pleaſed, and what they had Printed againſt us this weeke, they would Print twice as much the next, if we was not civil; then I who am called *Thomas Aldam* ſaid, What uncivility doſt thou ſee by us? the Printer ſaid, you are impudent fellowes, and come to make tumultes about my dore, and was in great rage; I ſaid we came to enquire of thee, and *George Horton*, to make this appear which to the Nation is publiſhed, to be truth, or elſe with the truth are you witneſſed againſt, to be ſlanderers in the dark, and falſe accuſers of the innocent, and do require of you to anſwer me.

Then I ſaid to *George Horton* and the Printer, you have reported and publiſhed to the Nation, that there are many impudent creatures reſiding in and about the City of London, which entitle themſelves *Quakers*, and have ſeduced many innocent people; then I who am called *Tho. Aldam*, asked them what impudence or wicked thing was done by them; or what had they ſeen: their anſwer was, They heard ſay one went naked in Smith-field, I ſaid, Didſt thou ſee it? he ſaid no, but a lad told him ſo. Then ſaid I, Thou here charges them with ſeduceing people, what is ſeducing? But the man fell into much bitterneſs and wrath, and bid me be gone from his dore, then ſaid I, Friend thou ſayſt, thou was credibly informed, that one went naked into Smith-field amongſt the hay carts, and that ſome demanded of him, why he walked in that Beaſtly garbe, and to this many can witneſs againſt thee, that there was no hay carts there, for it was about 9 of the Clock at night; and that was falſe, and a lye, who art of thy father, read *John* 8.44. Then I ſaid to the Printer, Doſt thou call it a beaſtly garb, for a man to go naked in obedience to the command of God? wouldſt thou not have called *Iſaiah* a beaſt if *Iſaiah* had been here, or thou in his time, who went three years naked? the Printer ſaid it was a beaſtly part, for him to go ſo, here I who am called *Tho. Aldam* ſaid, I charge thee to be a Blaſphemer, in ſpeaking evil of the people of God. And whereas thou ſaiſt that ſome asked him wherefore he went in that beaſtly garbe, being naked, and his anſwer was, that God had commanded him, and that a carter ſaid he had command to whip him into better manners, I ſaid, didſt thou friend who art the Printer, or *George Horton* hear or ſee this, or who did which you can name? their anſwer was, they did neither ſee it, or hear it, ſomething was true, they heard ſay one went naked, and for the other, they had liberty to Print what words they pleaſed. Now for

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the truths sake, was we three moved to enquire after this matter, that no lye nor false slanders, and evil reports might rest upon the truth, to the clearing of the truth to the understanding of all who have an eye open to see with, what slandering false accusing, and evil reports have been cast upon the truth, By the spirit of lyes, and slanders, whose throates are become an open sepulchre, saying, Report, and I will report it: and that you may see these mens ground of report, was from a lad, or boy, as they declared to us, which one of them, the Printer or the other, called credible information, to which boy we went, and did require of him to let us know what he had declared to the Printer, & he said, Nothing at all; and here with the light which comes from the Lord Jesus Christ, which is made manifest in us, we see, comeprehend and Judge the lying false accusing spirits, who in their envy have uttered aginst the truth, to render the people of God odious to the world, now to all friends in the light, and to the light in all consciances I speake, which with it the deeds is seen and Judged, to it I appeale, that with it you may see, and try the spirits, and with the Children of the light bear witness against all such as report lyes, and Print lyes, and false accusations, who say they have authority to do what is done, but woe and misery is their portion, who usurp authority to report lyes and Print them, to make others to believe their lyes and evil reports, as these two men have done, whose names are *Robert Wood*, and *George Horton*, which with the spirit of truth are Judged, & the faithfull Scout is found unfaithfull, without faith, in the unreasonable nature, for unreasonable men have not faith, of which sort are these false accusers, who have uttered forth their folly, who cannot prove the things to be truth they have publikely declared to the Nation, but are found reporting the evil imagination of their own hearts: and the man which went naked, is a signe of their nakedness, and a signe to all unbelievers, liars, and false slanderers, in the dark, who the innocent persecute, that their deeds and actions are naked before the Lord God, and their nakedness appears, and folly is made manifest so all the children of the light, who are set for signes and wonders, among the impudent creatures which hate the light, whose deeds are evil, and the children of the light hate, as they ever did, but woe and misery is coming, and their portion they must receive with all liars, and false accusers; therefore now while you have time repent, least the Lord cut you off in his fierce wrath, and make you a sudden example, you who the innocent have falsely accused, for with the Simple eye are you seen, and with it Judged, from one who is a friend to the establishing of righteousness, and the searching out deceit, and to lay open the abomination of these who are titled faithful Scouts, and men giving perfect intelligence of actions done and said, but are found imperfect, and unfaithfull men, in receiving the false reports in these things above mentioned, but these imperfect men, and unfaithfull, who numbered the Innocent amongst the transgressors, and evil doers, are discovered, which have loadened them with evil reproaches, which are

are safe, and the truth is cleared from the false accusations cast upon the innocent, to that of God in all consciences to be manifest, with which I am one, a friend to your Soules; for the establishing of righteous Judgment, and sweeping the land of evil doers, who are Slanderers of the just, from one whose name is called

Tho. Aldam.

But one I am with justice, which is a terrour to evil doers, and upon them lays hold, and sets the innocent free, and them preserves in peace from the hands of all unjust Oppressors, who smite with the tongue and fist of wickedness, and the seed of God persecutes, as the seed of evil doers ever did.

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